

~~28.~~¹ A sustained-release microparticle comprising:
risperidone, or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof, in crystalline
form; and
a biodegradable and biocompatible polymeric matrix.

~~29.~~² The sustained-release microparticle according to claim ~~28~~¹, wherein said polymeric
matrix comprises a polymer selected from the group consisting of poly(lactic) acid,
poly(glycolic) acid, copolymers of the foregoing, and polyorthoesters.

~~30.~~³ A sustained-release microparticle produced by including risperidone, or a
pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof, in the form of crystals into a
biodegradable and biocompatible polymer selected from the group consisting of poly(lactic)
acid, poly(glycolic) acid, copolymers of the foregoing, and polyorthoesters.--

In the Abstract:

Please delete the Abstract of the Disclosure as it appears on pages 46 and 47 of the
application as filed herewith, and substitute therefor the Abstract attached hereto on a separate
sheet.

Remarks

The above-captioned continuation application has been filed in order to request that an
interference be declared with the U.S. national phase application of PCT/JP93/01673 that
designated the United States (see Request for Interference Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.604 filed
herewith). To facilitate processing by the PTO, it is requested that the above-captioned
application be assigned to the same Examiner and Art Unit as the U.S. national phase
application of PCT/JP93/01673.

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Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 28-30 are pending in the application, with claims 28 and 30 being the independent claims. Claims 1-27 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. New claims 28-30 are added. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested. In this regard, the Examiner is referred to, for example, page 15, line 28 and page 20, line 26 of the above-referenced application that discloses use of an active agent in crystalline form, and page 25, lines 14-22 (Example 1) that discloses a method for producing risperidone in crystalline form.

Conclusion

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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